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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office Action dated July 31, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for forwarding packets to a network, comprising the steps of: providing a packet forwarding system with a memory, said packet forwarding system being connected to the network;

creating a packet with local data at the packet forwarding system and storing the packet in the memory of the packet forwarding system;

attempting to forward the packet stored in the memory to the network;

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